

Pledge of Allegiance

City of Max Council met on March 02, 2026 at 7:00 pm. Mayor Adams, and Council Member; Fritel, Westman, and Weltikol were present. Visitor in attendance was Jody Gullickson.

Mayor Adams called meeting to order.

Council meeting minutes for February were approved and accepted as read.

Presented was a building permit for Max Farm Services to build new bathrooms in an addition to the Cenex C Store. Weltikol motioned to approve the building permit. Westman second. Votes, all aye. m/c/a. Discussion was held regarding lot 4 of Whiting Addition. Two offers have fell through on the property. Council directed the auditor to research who actually owns the property to contact them regarding their intentions for the trailer. Tabled until information is obtained.

Maintenance requested to purchase a barrel of tar and two new Tar Pots to get ready for crack sealing this spring. Fritel motioned to approve. Westman second. Votes, all aye. m/c/a. Discussion was held about whether to purchase a new lawn mower. Council consensus is to wait and see how the Dixon mower performs in the early mowing season. Tabled.

Nathan Amick recommends for the city to request a developer's agreement for the proposed housing addition, if/when approved.

The 2026 Tax Equalization meeting was set for April 22, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

Information was presented from North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund, regarding insurance the city can purchase for Water Line and Sewer Main issues, not weather related. Council recommends inviting Mike Mattison to come to the next meeting to provide more information. Tabled.

Council commenced with the second and final reading of the floodplain ordinance. Weltikol motioned to approve and adopt the ordinance. Westman second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

February financial reports and bills to pay in March were presented.

Bills to pay-March 2026		
ENTITY	Description	AMOUNT
Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	Medical Insurance (Employer Portion)	1,000.00
Circle Sanitation	Garbage Service Contract	4,333.50
EFTPS	Payroll 941 Liabilities-Paid online (Employer Portion) Feb 2026	556.95
First District Health	Water Testing	30.00
G & P Commercial Sales	Vacuum Cleaner Bags	45.00
Harbor Freight	Equipment Floor Jacks (Purchased by Debit Card in Feb)	150.49
Microsoft Office	Cloud Storage	2.14
Max Farm Service	Fuel Costs (Estimated waiting for bill)	584.26
McLean County Sherriff's Dept.	Law enforcement Contract	2,794.01
MDU	Natural Gas Utilities	616.45
Microsoft Office	Cloud Storage	142.39
Municipal Judge	Monthly Pay	178.00
NorDak North Publications	Publications	134.60

NPRWD	Purchased Water	4,096.40
Ottertail Power Company	Electric Utilities	1,370.87
QuickBooks	Online Subscription	357.00
RTC	Phone and Internet (est. bill not arrived)	411.00
Straight Talk	Maintenance phone	48.28
US Postal Service	1 Roll Post Card Stamps	61.00
Totals		16,912.34

Fritel motioned to approve the financial reports and pay bills. Weltikol second. Votes, all aye. m/c/a.

Council directed the auditor to send pink slips/place shut off notices as needed.

Weltikol motioned for meeting to adjourn. Westman second. Votes, all ayes. m/c/a. Meeting adjourned.

Next council meeting will be held on April 06, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Correction to the February 09, 2026 minutes: The statement, “establish 17-2 acre lots, for people to purchase and build homes” should have read 17-1 acre lots”.

2025 End of year fund balances: General Fund \$1,812.81, Highway Fund \$9,326.67, Cemetery Fund \$1,384.52, Legacy HWY Fund \$8,499.32, Flex Fund \$10,362.39, City Maintenance & Infrastructure Fund \$14,533.14, Water Tower Bond Fund \$2,125.22, Loader Fund \$3,158.81, Municipal Infrastructure Fund \$4,391.63, Water Fund (-\$11,421.64), Sewer Fund \$20,389.38, Garbage Fund \$4,584.04.

Overall accumulated Fund Balance Totals: General Fund \$82, 125.59, Highway Fund \$43,573.54, Cemetery Fund \$20,949.91, Legacy HWY Fund \$8,499.32, Flex Fund \$10,362.39, City Maintenance & Infrastructure Fund \$91,697.85, Water Tower Bond 10,371.42, Loader Fund \$3,880.81, Municipal Infrastructure Fund \$10,371.42, Water Fund \$185,922.56, Sewer Fund \$148,125.93, Garbage Fund \$9,082.53.

Samuel Adams, Mayor

Anita Porter, Auditor